



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 5 – Mayor Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor Mary Moss, Councilmembers Mike Brandstetter, Patti Belle and Paul Bocchi.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 – Councilmember Don Anderson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Whalen paused for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2022 Larry Saunders Service Award Presentation.

Bob Warfield, Lakewood Community Foundation Fund presented the 2022 Larry Saunders Service Award to Jonathan McFadden and Brian McFadden for twenty years of service to the Oakbrook Swim and Tennis Club.

Recognizing the Clover Park School District Daffodil Princesses.

Mayor Whalen recognized the Clover Park School District Daffodil Princesses Adrianna Bhan, Clover Park High School, Vivian Llorens Hernandez, Lakes High School and Melody Molina-Vazquez, Harrison Preparatory School.

Proclamation declaring January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

MAYOR WHALEN PRESENTED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY AS NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH TO CHRISTINA LEE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, REBUILDING HOPE! SEXUAL ASSAULT CENTER FOR PIERCE COUNTY AND NADIA VAN ATTER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CRYSTAL JUDSON FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AND JASMINE CONWAY, PREVENTION SPECIALIST, WASHINGTON TRAFFICKING PREVENTION.

Police Commission and Commendation Ceremony.

Police Chief Mike Zaro, Lakewood Police Department introduced Municipal Court Judge Lisa Mansfield who conducted the Oath of Office for Police Officers Jacob Brewer, Kayla Dragt, Patrick Lavers and Joseph Walker.

Chief Zaro presented Officer Julia Wabinga and Officer Jared Pingul with the Police Chief Commendation Award.

Chief Zaro presented Officer Joshua Repp with the Police Chief Commendation Award.

Chief Zaro presented Officer Joshua Repp and Officer Nile Teclemariam with the Life Saving Award.

Chief Zaro presented Officer Jared Beauchamp, Officer Joshua Northcutt, Officer Quinn Rawson and Officer Nile Teclemariam with the Life Saving Award.

Chief Zaro presented Officer Kyle Zimmerman with the Life Saving Award.

Chief Zaro presented Officer John Babcock, Officer Matt Leitgeb and Officer Daniel Pyon with the Medal of Meritorious Service.

Chief Zaro presented Sergeant Jason Catlett, Officer Josh Beauchamp, and Officer Leshia Cockle Officer Cody White and Officer Daniel Pyon with the Medal of Valor.

Mayor Whalen thanked the Police Officers for their service to the City of Lakewood and professionalism.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received written comments in advance of the meeting from Casey Crook.

Speaking before Council were:

James Dunlop, Lakewood resident, spoke about the process of appointing Mark Scheibmeir as the City's Hearings Examiner.

Docere Pharmakis, Pullman resident, spoke about recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, slavery, exploitation and racial justice.

Addo Aequitas, Panther Party, spoke about being here for and serving the people.

General Ovunayo X, Lakewood resident, spoke about the Police Chief awards presentation and in support of the preservation of trees and Justice for Said Joquin.

Christina Manetti, Lakewood resident, shared that there is a scrivener's error in the City Council meeting minutes of January 3, 2023 specifically the spelling of Scheibmeir, the name of the City's Hearings Examiner.

Bunchy Carter, Black Panther Party, spoke about the crime rates in the City and lack of police response in neighborhoods.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

- A. Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 3, 2023.
- B. Motion No. 2023-07
- Approving the 2023 citizen's advisory boards, committees and commission work plans.
- C. Motion No. 2023-08
- Authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with the Lakewood Police Independent Guild from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.
- D. Motion No. 2023-09
- Approving local match funding, in the amount of \$77,670, for the Office of Defense Community Cooperation grant for the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP).
- E. Motion No. 2023-10
- Reappointing Jason Whalen to serve on the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners through December 31, 2025.
- F. Motion No. 2023-11
- Appointing Paul Bocchi as Member and Mike Brandstetter as Alternate Member to the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA³P) Executive Board.
- G. Items filed in the Office of the City Clerk:
1. Arts Commission meeting minutes of October 2, 2022.
 2. Arts Commission meeting minutes of November 7, 2022.
 3. Lakewood's Promise Advisory Board meeting minutes of December 1, 2022.
 4. Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 7, 2022.

DEPUTY MAYOR MOSS MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BELLE. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

R E G U L A R A G E N D A**RESOLUTION****Resolution No. 2023-01 Establishing the Work Plan and Public Participation Program for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review, Development Regulations and Critical Areas Ordinance.**

COUNCILMEMBER BELLE MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOCCHI. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEMBER BRANDSTETTER VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER**Review applications for Lakewood City Council (Position 6).**

City Clerk Schumacher provided an overview of the process for recruiting applicants for the City Council Position 6 vacancy. She shared that 12 applications have been transmitted to the City Council for consideration. After discussion, the City Council will further refine the application process including review interview questions and dates for interviews at the City Council study session of January 23rd.

City Manager Caulfield recognized Recreation Coordinator Sally Martinez and the Clover Park School District for work coordinating the New Year, New You event at Fort Steilacoom Park.

He shared that the City is applying for the RAISE Planning Grant which is a key component of the 2023 federal priorities for the green loop street portion of the Downtown Subarea Plan.

He then spoke about the City's State Legislative agenda initiatives.

He then announced the following upcoming meetings and events:

- January 27, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Affordable Housing Forum, Star Center
- January 27, 10:30 A.M., Chief Leschi Memorial Walk, Oakbrook Plaza to Fort Steilacoom Park
- January 26 and 27, 2023 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count
- February 1, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Meetings with State Legislators, Washington State Capitol Campus, Olympia

- February 6, 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Police Chief Mike Zaro's Retirement Event, City Hall Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bocchi shared that he attended the New Year, New You event at Fort Steilacoom Park. He shared this week he will attend the Planning Commission and Pierce County Regional Council meetings.

Councilmember Belle shared that she will be attending the Meditation event at Fort Steilacoom Park Pavilion. She congratulated the Police Officers who were Sworn-In this evening and those who received awards.

Councilmember Brandstetter shared that the Tillicum Woodbrook Neighborhood Association will begin monthly meetings on Monday's in February.

Deputy Mayor Moss shared that she attended the New Year, New You event at Fort Steilacoom Park and congratulated the Police Officers who were Sworn-In and received awards this evening.

Mayor Whalen congratulated the Police Officers who were Sworn-In and received awards this evening. He shared that he attended the New Year, New You event and spoke about coordinating a trip to visit Sister City Gimhae, South Korea and Mayor Whalen, Deputy Mayor Moss and Councilmember Bocchi expressed interest in attending. He then spoke about traveling to Washington, D.C. in March to meet with the Federal Legislative Delegation and asked the City Council whether they want to consider allocating funding for Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) prior to requesting funding from the State Legislature. This item will come forward for discussion at a future study session.

At 9:20 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the city, litigation or potential litigation. The City Council recessed in Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Whalen announced that the Executive Session will be extended for 10 minutes. The City Council reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



JASON WHALEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK